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THE ISSUE IN THE UNION LEAGUE.

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 10, 1875.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNION LEAGUE:

In the Address already published by the Members of the Union League, who ask your support for the accompanying ticket, the reasons by which they have been actuated and the objects they have in view have been clearly set forth.

"With charity to all men, with malice toward none," they have at heart only the welfare of the organization whose harmony has been so seriously disturbed by unfortunate agitations and angry dissensions; the repetition of which they desire in the future to prevent. They believe that solely by the closest adherence to the course indicated in the original declaration of its principles, and subsequently confirmed in the adoption by its members in December, 1871, of a reassertion of its true duties, can the League be preserved in the exalted place wherein, by its noble history in the past, it is entitled to stand. And they are convinced that any attempt to convert it into a political lever for the support or defeat of candidates for municipal office, can but result in its degradation from the high functions it has heretofore filled, and in factional differences which must necessarily destroy that great influence which it has always wielded when prompted by unity of purpose.

They have in the formation of this ticket, presented the names of gentlemen whose personal character and whose known opinions give an unimpeachable guarantee of their faithful effort, if elected, to prevent the Union League from remaining the wrangling ground for friends or foes of aspirants for the honors or emoluments of political office.

The question at issue is not a doubtful one, but it is the desire of those who are urging the success of the accompanying ticket that it should not be misunderstood.

The gentlemen advocating the ticket avowedly nominated at a meeting in the La Pierre House, distinctly declare it to be their belief that participation in municipal politics [THE SINGLE DISTURBING ELEMENT THAT HAS IN ITS ENTIRE CAREER EVER SERIOUSLY THREATENED THE PERFECT HARMONY OF THE UNION LEAGUE], shall not be prohibited. On the other hand the advocates of the ticket for which your vote is now asked, believe and assert that this policy has had no other result in the past and could have no other result in the future, than the fomenting of bitter and unseemly discord in the League itself.

The attention of members is also called to the fact that, during the coming year, the Union League should take a prominent place in the efforts that will be made to impress upon visiting strangers, the character of our institutions and the hospitality of our people. It is believed by its friends that this, the "Regular Union League Ticket," is peculiarly constituted to meet the requirements of a year that will impose more than ordinarily exacting claims upon the Board of Directors. In its selection there have been no personal ends to serve, no private malice to gratify. The impulses which have controlled the nominations have sprung from an earnest, conscientious desire to secure an administration of the League that, in the prevention of internal discord, in the management of its domestic economy, and in the encouragement of every effort of its members to make the League foremost among the agencies that are to make the approaching Centennial an occasion memorable and honorable to Philadelphia, would offer no ground for adverse criticism or factional opposition.

SAMUEL B. THOMAS,

Chairman of meeting of Members of Union League.

THOMPSON LENNIG,

Secretary.

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